

# Comparisons of Job Characteristics

**Focus Occupation: Rail Car Repairers (49-3043)**

**Associated Occupation: Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists (49-3031)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

## Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 88

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Mechanical	6.8	21.1	14.0	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required
Transportation	4.6	9.6	4.4	<< Extensive education and/or training may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O\*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

## Skills

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Repairing	3.4	11.2	12.0	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Troubleshooting	4.5	11.0	11.5	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Equipment Maintenance	3.5	10.2	10.6	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation Monitoring	6.6	10.0	9.8	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Operation and Control	5.4	9.7	10.0	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Quality Control Analysis	5.9	9.4	9.6	0 Current skill level may be sufficient
Equipment Selection	3.3	7.5	6.2	< A higher skill level may be required

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## Abilities

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Control Precision	6.6	12.3	12.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Manual Dexterity	6.5	11.9	12.0	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Multilimb Coordination	6.0	11.9	12.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Finger Dexterity	7.6	11.8	11.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Arm-Hand Steadiness	6.8	11.6	12.3	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Hearing Sensitivity	5.6	11.4	8.8	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Extent Flexibility	4.8	10.3	11.8	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Speed of Limb Movement	3.2	6.9	7.6	>	Current ability level is likely sufficient
Glare Sensitivity	2.6	6.4	6.4	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Sound Localization	2.2	5.9	5.8	0	Current ability level may be sufficient

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## Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Adhere to safety procedures	12
Adjust or set mechanical controls or components	69
Align or adjust clearances of vehicle body parts or components	78
Align vehicle frame	87
Conduct tests to locate mechanical system malfunction	71
Determine installation, service, or repair needed	58
Diagnose mechanical problems in machinery or equipment	65
Examine vehicle to detect malfunctions, damage, or maintenance needed	75
Fabricate, assemble, or disassemble manufactured products by hand	11
Identify base metals for welding	68
Inspect machinery or equipment to determine adjustments or repairs needed	42
Maintain repair records	65
Maintain welding machines or equipment	70
Move or fit heavy objects	8
Operate hoist, winch, or hydraulic boom	34
Perform safety inspections in industrial, manufacturing or repair setting	32
Read blueprints	10
Read technical drawings	7
Read work order, instructions, formulas, or processing charts	9
Repair commercial transportation equipment	85

Repair or replace electrical wiring, circuits, fixtures, or equipment	49
Repair or replace malfunctioning or worn mechanical components	62
Set up and operate variety of machine tools	62
Test mechanical products or equipment	56
Understand service or repair manuals	40
Understand technical operating, service or repair manuals	6
Use acetylene welding/cutting torch	54
Use combination welding procedures	68
Use electronic calibration devices	68
Use hand or power tools	2
Use knowledge of welding filler rod types	75
Use machine tools in installation, maintenance, or repair	72
Use precision measuring devices in mechanical repair work	61
Use voltmeter, ammeter, or ohmmeter	52
Weld together metal parts, components, or structures	54

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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## Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus  
Occupation to Associated  
Occupation: n/a

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Tools and technology data is unavailable for one or both occupations.	

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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